

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

A Request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) to Correct the inventorship is being filed concurrently herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm the correction the inventorship in the next official communication.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 7-13 is acknowledged with appreciation.

In order to expedite the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Claim 6 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 8, 10, and 11 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 9, 12, 14, and 21 have been amended to depend from Claim 8. Claim 13 has been revised for clarity.

Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and


has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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